

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the May 12, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-9, allowed claims 36-45, and 47-49, and objected to claims 10-13 pending in the application. This response cancels claims 3-12 without disclaimer or prejudice, amends claims 1 and 13, and adds new claims 50 and 51 for consideration. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 13, 36-45, and 47-51 (4 independent claims; 17 total claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to include claim 12, claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 1, and claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten as new claims 50 and 51 to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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